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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

We've had a real good winter this year. Now we're into spring and hoping we continue with the pleasant weather. Our candidates for Boys and Girls State and Junior Law have been chosen. Thanks to Matt Schnabel & Karen Brink for their hard work and to their panels for the interviews. Next up are scholarships.

Our House Committee has been hard at work addressing some issues that need fixed at our Post home. When you come in, you'll notice a fresh coat of paint on the walls and doors. Thanks to Eric, Gene and Jim for their hard work. We're still a long way from being done with the Committee's recommendations. We've taken down all decorations on the walls, and are not sure how many will go back up. If you brought anything in to hang up, and want it back, please call Kathy - 402.895.1324. We'll hold on to these articles until May.

Our Color Guard braved the weather and marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown. It was 12 degrees and windy. It seems like our Honor Guard braves the weather at every funeral. These people make our Post proud.

We had our third fish fry tonight after having St. Patrick's Day yesterday. It's lots of work, but it's great to see people having a good time. Remember we have fish fries every Friday night until Easter. It's a great way to support our Post and have a great meal. The band Ground Zero will be playing on Friday, April 1, sponsored by Dundee Barber. Come in to have a good dinner and hear some great music.

It's time to thank all our volunteers again for all their hard work and dedication that makes our Post the best.

Hope to see you soon. Semper Fi! Gary Sempek

SAL NEWS

April showers bring May flowers! We hope everyone is well and ready to crank up the lawn mowers and fire up the grill, summer is just around the corner!

I'm sure you've noticed some improvements at the Post; a fresh coat of paint and removal of some clutter and it looks great! A big shout out to Eric Peterson and everyone else for a great job! The Post has formed a family house committee to work on further enhancements and you will see additional improvements in the coming months.

A few noteworthy items: We are in the home stretch of our beef raffle so if you haven't bought your tickets, now's the time! The drawing will be April 15. Last year's "Trash Can" dinner was very successful and we're planning to have another one this summer, probably in August so watch for an update. Did I mention our beef raffle? Your support is greatly appreciated!

Our next meeting is slated for April 4 and its officer nomination time so please plan to join us and let your voice be heard! If you haven't paid your dues, please do so.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others" – Mahatma Gandhi
We look forward to seeing you at the Post.

Commander John Polson and Vice Commander Randy Young

ADJUTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Recently, we discovered that a number of our Legion members that renewed did not update in the National Database. Most of these renewals were during the July and August time frame. After doing an audit on our database and our register, and comparing these to the National database, we discovered almost 100 discrepancies. These have been corrected, and we are continuing with the audit to make sure there aren't any others. If you feel you have paid your 2022 membership dues, but you are still getting renewal notices, please reach out to the Post. Be sure to leave your name, membership ID and a good call back number so we can verify this for you, and get it corrected.

Thank you for your membership, and apologies for this inconvenience.

Marty Timberlake, Post Adjutant

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS NEWS

Our American Legion Riders are gearing up for an exciting year. With newly appointed Road Captains Kara Petersen and Steve "Big" Sladek, they have come up with new strategies to get some much needed camaraderie amongst the riders, as well as getting our big OCW Poker Run some much needed attention in the motorcycle community.

A special thank you to those amazing patrons on Monday nights, who have been there supporting the raffles; without you we cannot do what we love most, and that's helping our community and our local Veterans Organizations. We are looking for some fresh ideas to spice up Monday night raffles, so if you have any ideas on some new items that you'd like to see, please let any of the riders know, we will be happy to bring it to the group, and we will do our best to make it happen for you.

As we come into the riding season, keep an eye out for our brothers and sisters on two wheels out there, and as always Stay Safe!

Nate "DOC" White, Director



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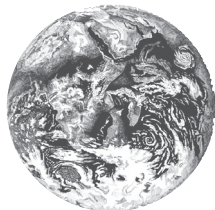
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AUXILIARY NEWS

Hello everyone,

We were able to send 6 young women to Girls State this year. A special thank you to Lisa Petersen for sponsoring one for us!

Our color guard marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade with the Legion and SAL. Soon we will be busy with baseball games & parades again. We would love to have new members on the color guard, so let me know if you are available!

We are having elections in May, so be sure to let me know if you want to volunteer for an office. It doesn't take much time and we would love to have some new ideas!

Don't forget about the Legion fish fry every Friday through April 15th. There are many events on the newsletter calendar, so please keep them in mind when you are looking for something to do.

We have the \$5 patriotic bracelets for sale and they are going fast! Let us know if you want some or you can pick them up at the bar.

We will sell desserts for Taco night on Monday, April 4 at 5:30. Please let me know if you can bring a dessert. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful Easter!

Thanks! Karen Brink, President
402-740-1455

COLOR GUARD

Color Guard season is in full swing and it's great to be back to normal again.

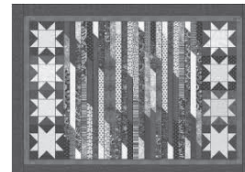
We conducted our first parade of the season on March 12, marching in the lead position in the Saint Patrick's Day parade in downtown Omaha. It was very cold yet satisfying.

We have been presenting colors at the Omaha Beef games; three so far with three more home games to go.

We have been invited to participate in this year's Patriotic Parade scheduled for Saturday May 28 and we would love to see you there!

Our color guard ranks have diminished for various reasons and we are in need of a few new participants. I encourage you to consider joining, we could REALLY use your help!

Randy Young, Post 374 Color Guard Commander



Our American Legion Post is presently involved in taking names of veterans to be nominated to receive a Quilt of Valor, presented by the Quilts of Valor Society of America. The Society awards quilts to a service member or veteran who has been touched by war.

To learn more the website is govf.org

Please forward the name of any veteran to Dennis Guinane (Post 374 Chaplain) by way of the Honor Guard box in the Post business office, or you can mail the nomination to the Post:

PO Box 390698 Omaha NE 68139

Attn: Dennis Guinane.

Include your contact information so I can follow up with you.

Thank you! Dennis Guinane

Buddy Check 22

On the 22nd of each month at Cunningham's bar on 108th & Old Mill Rd there is a special gathering of Veterans dedicated to reducing and eliminating Veteran suicide.

We continue our service by gathering with fellow Veterans. We call and reach out to others that served at our side. We stood together then and we stand together now.



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House Committee

If you have been to the Legion recently you have probably noticed some changes. The most noticeable is the new paint on the walls.

The Post formed a House Committee. Our mission is to identify items in the building needing repairs, replacement, or improvement. We will assemble a prioritized list and distribute it. The American Legion Post 374 families (Legion, Auxiliary, SAL, & ALR) will have the opportunity to adopt a project and make it happen.

If you have ideas please let me know. You can call the Post to leave a message for me or send me an email - darrel3010@gmail.com

Please stop by the Post and watch the changes.

Darrel Swenson

Members & Family Members

When doing your estate planning please remember the American Legion Post 374 in those plans. Those contributions help us in our Building Fund and other noted needs within the Legion and to help Military Families.

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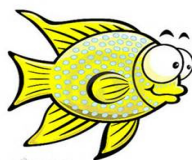
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There are four pots for the Legion drawing (Wednesday), and one each for the Auxiliary drawing (Tuesday) and the SAL drawing (Sunday). You have to register to win.

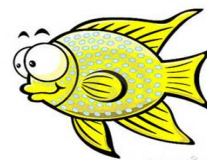
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POST #374 DUES

Legion.....\$45.00
SAL.....\$30.00
Jr. SAL.....\$10.00
Dual Legion/SAL.....\$55.00
Auxiliary.....\$30.00
Jr. Auxiliary (18 and under).....\$8.00
ALR.....\$15.00



FISH FRY



**FRIDAY, April 1, 8 & 15
5:30 - 7:30**

MENU:

- Fried Pollock
- Stuffed Salmon
- Grilled Salmon
- Shrimp
- Chicken Strips
- Mac/Cheese
- Fries
- Cole Slaw
- Rye Bread

(Dinners Come With Fries, Coleslaw and Rye Bread - Prices Vary)

The SAL Beef Raffle drawing will be on April 15

Happy Easter



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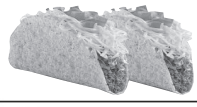







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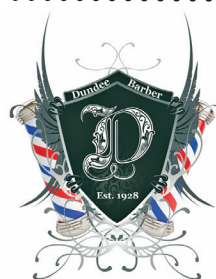
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3	4 FOOD Legion – kitchen Taco Night SAL Mtg 7:00	5	6 FOOD Tenderloins 5:30 	7 Kitchen Closed League Cribbage 7:00 	8 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30  	9
10	11 FOOD ALR - kitchen Taco Night 	12 Auxiliary Mtg 7:00	13 FOOD Hamburgers 5:30 ----- Vietnam Vets mtg 6:30	14 Kitchen Closed Open Play Cribbage 7:00 	15 FOOD Fish Fry 5:30 – 7:30  	16
17 Happy Easter!	18 FOOD SAL - kitchen 	19 ALR Mtg 7:30	20 FOOD Hot turkey sandwich 5:30 ----- E-Board Mtg 6:30 General Mtg 7:30	21 Kitchen Closed League Cribbage 7:00 	22 FOOD Buddy Check at Cunningham's Bar ----- Newsletter articles due	23
24	25 FOOD ALR - kitchen 	26	27 FOOD Hamburgers 5:30 ----- BUNCO 6:30	28 Kitchen Closed League Cribbage 7:00 	29	30

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE POST

Fri Apr 1 thru Fri Apr 15 Fish Fry
 Fri day, Apr 1 Ground Zero band playing
 Monday, May 30 Memorial Day services at the Post



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